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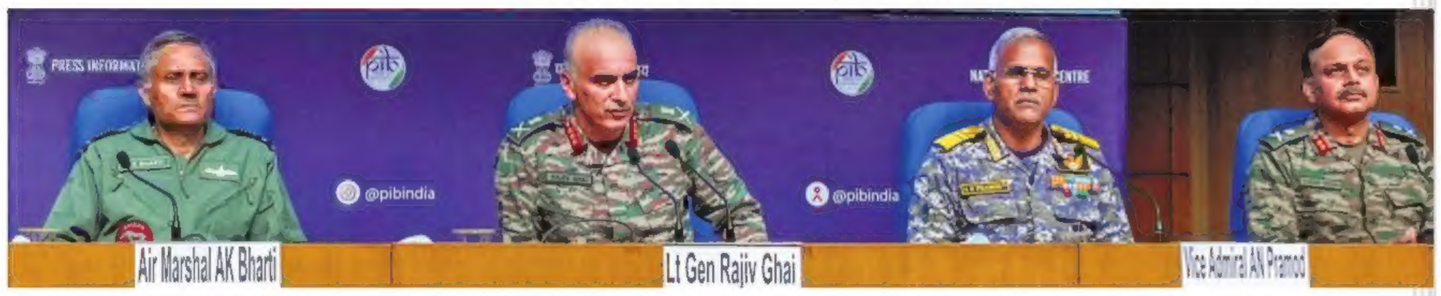
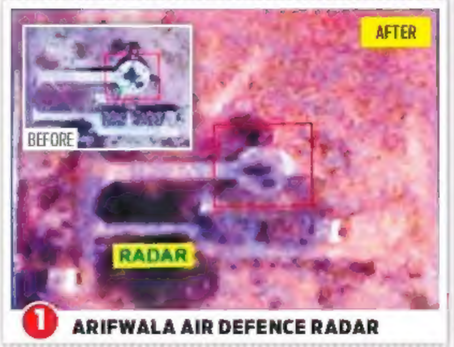


Director General of Military Operations Lt General Rajiv Ghai (2nd from left) with Air Marshal A K Bharti, Vice Admiral A N Pramod, and Major General S S Sharda | PTI



1 ARIFWALA AIR DEFENCE RADAR

2 CHAKLALA AIRFIELD

3 SARGODHA AIRFIELD (WHERE F16 JETS WERE PARKED)

MAJOR HITS

- Air Marshal AK Bharti, during a joint press briefing with defence officials on Sunday, showed detailed video of the effects of Indian Air Force operations during its air raids at Arifwala air defence radar in Pakistan, the Chaklala airfield and Sargodha
- Sargodha is designated as a "Major Operational Base" and reportedly houses Pakistan's F-16s
- Other targets in Pakistan hit by IAF were Murid, PAF base at Rafiqui and units at Lahore and Gujranwala

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INDIA SENDING TEAM TO U.N. AGAINST PAK

NEW DELHI: With the United Nations Security Council's 1267 committee set to meet next week, India will send a team with evidence highlighting Pakistan's complicity in terrorism and TRF's role in Pahalgam attack | P9

CONG SEEKS SPECIAL PARLIAMENT SESSION

NEW DELHI: Leaders of the opposition in Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabhahave written to PM for a special session of Parliament to discuss Pahalgam terror attack and Operation Sindoor

RAJNATH INAUGURATES NEW BRAHMOS UNIT

LUCKNOW: BrahMos is not just a weapon but a "message" of India's military strength, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said on Sunday at the inauguration of the largest integration and testing facility of the missile system here | P6

India's iron fist crushed Pak's high hopes: Forces

100 terrorists, including high-value targets, killed in May 7 strikes; Pak Army lost 35-40 personnel; India downed Pak jets

MAYANK SINGH @ New Delhi

OPERATION SINDOOR
DAY 5

INDIAN forces inflicted heavy losses to the Pakistan side via Operation Sindoor by destroying key military installations and downing fighter jets, apart from razing down nine identified terrorist camps, Director General of Military Operations (DGMO) Lt Gen Rajiv Ghai said on Sunday.

Giving details of Operation Sindoor at a detailed media briefing in New Delhi on Sunday evening, attended by senior military officials of the Army, Indian Air Force and the Indian Navy, the DGMO said that India achieved its desired objectives and Pakistan will have to pay a very heavy price if it resorts to any misadventure.

Lt Gen Ghai said over 100 terrorists, including high-value targets such as Yusuf Azhar, Abdul Malik Rauf and Mudasir Ahmed, who were involved in the hijacking of IC 814 and the Pulwama blast, were eliminated during Operation Sindoor. He said all Indian pilots are safe while Pakistan lost 35-40 Pakistani military personnel in the three-day combat.

The military officials, however, did not comment on the losses on the Indian side, saying it would give an advantage to the adversary. "We are in a combat scenario and losses are a part of combat. The question to be asked is have we achieved our objectives of decimating the terrorist camps? The answer is a thumping yes. I would not like to comment on the numbers, which platforms did we lose? We are still in a combat situation. If I comment, it will be advantageous (to the Pak side). All our pilots are back home," said Air Marshal A K Bharti.

In response to a question, Air Marshal A K Bharti said India "definitely" downed a few Pakistani planes but refused to confirm the numbers. "Their planes were prevented from coming inside our border. So we do not have the wreckage with us but definitely we have downed a few planes," he said.

The officials stressed that Indian forces were extra careful not to inflict any casualties on civilians, and they stuck to this policy even though it meant some tactical disadvantage to the Indian side.

Vice Admiral AN Pramod, DGNO said, "Along with kinetic actions by the Indian Army and Indian Air Force, the overwhelming operational edge of Indian Navy at sea contributed towards Pakistan's urgent request for a ceasefire."

India cautions Pak against misadventure

JAYANTH JACOB & MAYANK SINGH @ New Delhi

INDIA has drawn a red line in its security posture with Pakistan: any provocation will trigger a sharper, more forceful response. "If they fire, we fire"—that's the new normal, sources said, following the cross-border strikes under Operation Sindoor, which they emphasised is still on.

"Operation Sindoor has not concluded, there is a new normal in India's response to cross-border terrorism," said sources familiar with the matter. Launched after the Pahalgam terror attack that killed 26 civilians, the operation targeted terror infrastructure in Pakistan and PoK.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, according to sources, gave the armed forces a clear directive: "Wahan se goli chalegi, toh yahan se golen chalenge" (If bullets come from there, artillery shells will be fired from here).

Sources said India is determined to raise the cost of cross-border terrorism, making it clear that Pakistan cannot selectively seek cooperation while continuing to shelter and support terror networks.

India rejects Trump offer to mediate in Kashmir

JAYANTH JACOB @ New Delhi

INDIA has rejected US President Donald Trump's offer to mediate on the Kashmir issue, making it clear that the only issue on the table is Pakistan vacating the territory it illegally occupies in PoK.

Government sources made it unequivocally clear that India sees no role for external intervention in the matter. "We have a very clear position on Kashmir, there is only one matter left- the return of Pakistan-Occupied Kashmir (PoK). There is nothing else to talk. If they talk about handing over terrorists, we can talk. We don't want anyone to mediate. We don't need anyone to mediate." The Indian position is that the whole of Jammu & Kashmir is an integral part of India.

Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif welcomed the US President's mediation offer and thanked Trump for his willingness to step in.

Trump, commenting on the recent ceasefire between India and Pakistan following four days of heightened military tension over the Pahalgam terror attack, praised the leadership of both countries.

Uneasy calm in Jammu & Kashmir, Punjab

FAYAZ WANI AND HARPREET BAJWA @ Srinagar / Chandigarh

CAUTIOUS optimism prevailed among residents of the border states of Jammu & Kashmir and Punjab as the ceasefire appeared to take effect on Sunday, a day after Pak forces breached their commitment.

In Jammu and Kashmir, residents of Uri and other border areas heaved a sigh of relief with no fresh reports of attack from across the border, while authorities in Punjab advised residents to continue voluntary blackout and be at home by 8 pm as a measure of caution.

In stark contrast to the past few days, no sirens or explosions were heard in J&K on Sunday. However, police officials advised residents who had moved to safer places not to return until the unexploded shells are cleared.

On Sunday, the markets in Srinagar were abuzz with activity as shoppers thronged to buy essential goods.

"Yesterday was very scary as loud explosions could be heard. Soon, there was a blackout. It was tough to convince my children that things will become normal," said Mushtaq Ahmed, a resident of Srinagar.

In Uri, where at least 100 houses were damaged amid heavy shelling by Pakistan, life was slowly returning to normal. "There has been no shelling since yesterday morning. This is a big relief. We pray that there is permanent ceasefire," said a Uri resident Abdul Qayoom Ganai.

In Punjab, educational institutions in five border districts will remain closed on Monday as a matter of precatuion.

Kashmiris check out clothes and backpacks at a market in Srinagar on Sunday | PTI

2 HELD FOR ESPIONAGE

Two persons, including a woman, were arrested in Punjab for their involvement in leaking sensitive cues to a Pakistan-handler on the Army's move-ments | P10

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GDKGA approval must for using groundwater

BOSKY KHANNA @ Bengaluru

THE water table has declined drastically because of over exploitation of groundwater sources in the state.

To put checks and balances in place, the Groundwater Directorate and Karnataka Groundwater Authority (GDKGA) has again sent a reminder to all departments in the state, stating that the authority's permission is mandatory for 'No Objection Certificate' or 'Occupancy Certificate' for using groundwater for construction activities.

The authority's reminder comes with an increasing number of buildings and other establishments using groundwater, but many not seeking its approval. According to GDKGA data, from 2019 (when the authority was formed) till date, 205 NOCs have been issued to industries and residential and commercial establishments in Bengaluru alone. Around 400 notices have been served on establishments for not seeking the authority's permission for drawing groundwater. The permission for 942 borewells has been issued during the financial year 2024-25.

People are not taking approval from the authority because they are not aware of the rules, said Ambika T, Deputy Director, Bengaluru Urban, GDKGA. While house owners have to approach Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) for permission for drilling borewells, large establishments have to seek approval from the authority.

Another official said, "Not even 20% of projects in the city have our approval. This is because BWSSB gives clearances online without involving us." P2

K'taka Exp passenger makes hoax bomb call, train searched at Wadi

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Kalaburagi

A passenger travelling on Karnataka Express train triggered panic after making a hoax bomb threat call, which led to the train being halted and searched at the Wadi Railway Station for several hours in Kalaburagi district early Sunday morning. The accused, Deep Singh (33), from UP, was arrested by the Wadi Railway Station police and has been remanded in judicial custody at Chittapur jail, officials confirmed.

The police said the railway control room received a call around 1 am warning of a possible bomb on the Karnataka Express travelling from Delhi to Bengaluru. The train was stopped at Wadi station, and a thorough search was conducted with the help of a bomb squad and sniffer dogs. Over 40 personnel from the Railway Protection Force , local police and the bomb disposal team searched the train from 1.30 am till 4.30 am.

Thousands of passengers were made to get down and all the 22 coaches were searched. With no explosives found, the call was confirmed as a hoax. The investigation revealed that Deep Singh, who was heading to Guntakal, made the call using his father's phone.

He later tried to remain unnoticed by switching the phone to flight mode. But he was traced through the Truecaller app, which also provided a photo of the caller.